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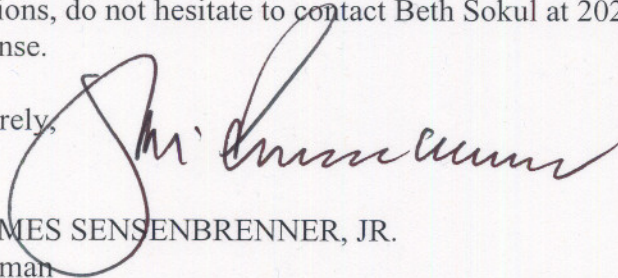
Dear Mr. Mulholland:

I am writing regarding the January 5, 2006 Congressional Research Service (CRS) memorandum entitled "Presidential Authority to Conduct Warrantless Electronic Surveillance to Gather Foreign Intelligence Information."

Following the release of the CRS memorandum I asked two outside constitutional experts to review the memorandum and both have expressed concerns that the memorandum is based on an incomplete analysis of the law. As you know, Members of Congress rely on CRS to provide objective analysis of legislative and legal matters. In doing so, I believe it is imperative that the various positions on an issue be fully discussed, which is why I am forwarding you the attached letters for your review and comment.

Please respond to the concerns raised in the enclosed letters by February 20, 2006. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Beth Sokul at 202-225-3951. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.
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Enclosure